

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 161

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Maryville High School football team upon winning the 2014 TSSAA Class 6A state championship.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those student athletes who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as true sportsmen of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, the members of the 2014 Maryville High School football team have proven themselves to be the ablest of competitors and, as such, deserving of the highest regard; and

WHEREAS, one of the country's top high school football programs, the Maryville Rebels have long dominated the high school football ranks in Tennessee and counted among their members some of the most talented young athletes to ever play on the gridiron; and

WHEREAS, on December 6, 2014, at Tucker Stadium on the campus of Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville, the 2014 Maryville Rebels played a miraculous game to achieve the team's fifteenth state championship as they defeated the Raptors of Ravenwood High School in overtime by a score of 35–34 to claim the TSSAA Class 6A state title; and

WHEREAS, Maryville trailed by a score of 28–7 at the end of the first quarter, but, relying on the legendary composure and discipline that led them to state championships in 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2010, 2011, and 2013, they tied the score in the final minute of the third quarter; and

WHEREAS, the Rebels sent the game into overtime as they blocked a field goal attempt by Ravenwood with seconds left in regulation and then sealed their comeback victory with an interception of a two-point conversion attempt by the Raptors to once again proudly proclaim themselves state champions; and

WHEREAS, the Maryville High School football team has displayed the tenacity, camaraderie, and skill befitting one of the State's finest athletic teams; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the 2014 Maryville High School football team, not only for the team's championship win, but also for the players' superior sportsmanship and the joy they have brought to their fellow students and the people of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate the coaches and members of the 2014 Maryville High School football team for their heralded victory as 2014 TSSAA Class 6A State Champions, and extend to them our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.